

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1144
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tom Thompson Sugg, Sr. on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Tom Sugg, Sr. will celebrate his 100th birthday on May 23, 2004, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born in McEwen, Mr. Sugg and his family moved to Dickson in 1908; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Peabody College at Vanderbilt University, Mr. Sugg also attended the United States Naval Academy where he was in Navy Intelligence; and

WHEREAS, beginning his illustrious career in education in Dickson County in 1923, Mr. Sugg taught first through eighth grades in the same classroom and later served as the Superintendent of Dickson County Schools as well as Supervisor of Dickson County Schools in which capacities he earned the unbridled respect of his colleagues, staff, students, and parents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in April 1941, Tom Sugg was joined in marriage with Mary Frances Tucker and the couple's blessed union produced one son, Tom T. Sugg, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, recollecting the past 100 years, Mr. Sugg fondly remembers his father, a doctor, teaching him how to hitch up the horses to the buggy; Mr. Sugg would then accompany his father on countryside house calls; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sugg is one of the few people still living to have seen the last horse used for transportation and to have witnessed the introduction of the first car; the first car Mr. Sugg himself owned was a Ford he purchased for five hundred dollars; and

WHEREAS, an excellent athlete, Mr. Sugg continued to do handsprings and flips up until the age of 60 and he is still proud of his firm muscles and firm handshake; and

WHEREAS, as Tom Sugg approaches his eleventh decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, doing yard work and enjoying Braves games in addition to participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, holding fast to the principals of good manners and dignity, Mr. Sugg says a prayer each night and keeps his religion to himself; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tom Sugg on the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.